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SUBJECT: WILLS TOUR D'FORCE ON GUYANESE FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS
IN 1977

SUMMARY: FONMIN WILLS CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE LATE AFTERNOON
JANUARY 19 FOR LENGTHY (80 MINUTES) AND WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION
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OF GUYANESE FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS ON FOLLOWING SUBJECT:
GOG POSITION ON PANAMA CANAL ZONE AND PUERTO RICO AT FORTH-
COMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE; JAMAICA; CARICON; US-GOG
RELATIONS; CUBAN-GOG RELATIONS; CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN PERU;
GUYANESE FEARS CONCERNING HER NEIGHBORS; AND GOG-NORTH
KOREAN RELATIONS. SINCE SUCH A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS
WERE COVERED IN OUR MEETING, I AM REPORTING THE FOLLOWING

SUBJECTS SEPARATELY BY INDIVIDUAL TELEGRAMS IN ADDITION TO THIS REPORT: (1) GOG-US RELATIONS; (2) GOG-CUBAN RELATIONS, CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN PERU, AND GOG CONCERN OVER THE INTENTIONS OF BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA; AND (3) THE BACKGROUND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENT NORTH KOREAN MISSION IN GEORGETOWN. WILLS ALSO MENTIONED HE PLANS TO VISIT CUBA AND INDIA DEPARTING GEORGETOWN FOR HAVANA JANUARY 26. END SUMMARY.

1. NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. WILLS LEAD OFF APPROXIMATELY 80 MINUTE MEETING BY STATING HE WISHED TO GIVE ME GUYANA'S POSITION AT UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI. HE SAID GUYANA WILL STRESS HEMISPHERIC ISSUES CONCERNING PANAMA CANAL, PUERTO RICO AND BELIZE.

2. ON PANAMA CANAL ISSUE, GUYANESE WILL FULLY SUPPORT NON-ALIGNED POSITION THAT GOP MUST CONTROL ITS OWN TERRITORY AND THAT ALL U.S. MILITARY BASES SHOULD BE CLOSED. HE POINTED OUT THAT GUYANA IS IN PRINCIPAL AGAINST ANY FOREIGN MILITARY BASES. THEY WILL SUPPORT GOP IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH USG OVER CANAL ZONE AND LEAVE IT TO THE PANAMANIAN TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WILL PERMIT FURTHER U.S. MILITARY BASES OR U.S. CONTROL OF THE CANAL ZONE.

3. ON PUERTO RICO, GUYANA WILL NOT REPEAT NOT SUPPORT ANY CALL AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE. WILLS CONTINUED THAT RECENT ELECTION PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE THAT PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE DESIRED TO MAINTAIN THEIR TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES AND NOT TO SEEK INDEPENDENCE. CONFIDENTIAL

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GUYANA WILL WORK TO PREVENT AND WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY COMMUNIQUE ON PUERTO RICO. AS AN ASIDE, WILLS THOUGHT THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT DECISION TO PRESENT A BILL TO CONGRESS MAKING PUERTO RICA THE 51ST STATE WAS VERY POOR TIMING SINCE IT WILL APPEAR TO THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY CUBA, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS FORCING THE ISSUE ON PUERTO RICO RATHER THAN ALLOWING THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE TO MAKE INITIATIVES ON THEIR OWN BEHALF. NEVERTHELESS HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE SINCERELY DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HOWEVER, WILLS WENT ON THAT EVEN THOUGH THE OFFICIAL GOG POSITION SUPPORTS USG POSITION THAT WILL NOT PRECLUDE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) POLITICAL PARTY FROM HAVING RELATIONS WITH THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY. HE THOUGHT THESE RELATIONS WOULD BE PURELY POLITICAL PARTY TO POLITICAL PARTY AND COULD TAKE THE FORM OF INVITATIONS TO GUYANA OF PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST, POSSIBLY SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND DECLARATIONS OF SOLIDARITY. WILLS DID WANT IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THOUGH THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS ANY CHANGE IN GUYANA'S POSITION REGARDING

PUERTO RICO. I INFORMED WILLS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE THE TWO SINCE THE PNC WAS TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA. HOWEVER, WILLS INSISTED THAT THE GOG WOULD SEPARATE THE TWO.

4. WILLS THEN INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE TRAVELLING TO CUBA ON JANUARY 26 FOR CONSULTATIONS AND QUOTE SOLIDARITY VISIT UNQUOTE, THEN WOULD GO ON TO NEW DELHI FOR MEETINGS WITH GOI OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS NON-ALIGNED QUESTION AND BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH HIS OPPOSITE MEMBER IN THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT.

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5. JAMAICA.WILLS THEN SKIPPED TO JAMAICA AND THE RECENT VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER MANLEY TO GUYANA. WILLS STATED

THAT ONE OF MANLEY'S REASONS FOR STOPPING IN GUYANA WAS TO COORDINATE JAMAICAN-GUYANESE POLICY FOR THE UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. MANLEY ALSO TOLD BURNHAM THAT THE JAMAICAN ECONOMY IS IN A VERY SERIOUS CONDITION AND THAT HE (MANLEY) WAS NOT SURE HOW TO SOLVE JAMAICAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. MANLEY WAS HOPING, OF COURSE, FOR OPEC MONEY, PRIMARILY FROM VENE-
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ZUELA. MANLEY BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF CARICOM EXPANSION AND SOUGHT GUYANESE SUPPORT TO INCLUDE CUBA FOR ENTRY INTO THE CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET. BURNHAM WAS NOT RECEPTIVE TO THIS IDEA.

6. CARICOM. WILLS CHARACTERIZED GUYANA'S POLICY TOWARD CARICOM IN 1977 TO BE ONE OF CONSOLIDATION. HE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER THOMPSON OF JAMAICA AS DID BURNHAM TO MANLEY THAT GUYANA WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY MOVES TO OPEN CARICOM MEMBERSHIP TO OUTSIDERS AT THIS TIME. WILLS SAID THAT MANLEY AND THOMPSON WERE QUOTE WAVERING FOR CUBA UNQUOTE. ALSO, PRIME MINISTER BRADSHAW OF ST. KITTS-NEVIS WAS INTERESTED IN HAVING HAITI JOIN BECAUSE OF THEIR AFRICAN HERITAGE. ALSO CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE GIVEN TO PERMIT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS TO BECOME MEMBERS. HOWEVER, WILLS SAID THAT CARICOM HAD BEEN BUFFETED SO MUCH IN THE PAST YEAR BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC AND SECURITY PROBLEMS THAT ANY MOVES AT THIS TIME TO OPEN IT TO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WILL ONLY WEAKEN THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE. HE INDICATED THAT BURNHAM INFORMED MANLEY THAT SHOULD DONORS WISH TO ASSIST CARICOM NATIONS THEY COULD DO SO BY PUTTING FUNDS INTO THE CARICOM DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR ALL TO BE ABLE TO USE AT THIS TIME.

7. COMMENT: GOG POSITION AT UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IF ACCURATELY REFLECTED BY WILLS' STATEMENTS APPEARS TO BE MODERATE. I IMPRESSED UPON WILLS USG SENSITIVITY OVER PUERTO RICAN QUESTION AND WILLS ACKNOWLEDGED HE WAS AWARE OF OUR DEEP CONCERN. HOPEFULLY, GUYANESE DELEGATION WILL HELP MUTE ANY DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT. WILLS ALSO INDICATED THAT GUYANA'S STANCE IS INDICATION OF NEW PRAGMATIC FOREIGN POLICY LINE THAT HE ENUNCIATED IN RECENT PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE. MY ONLY COMMENT ON RECENT MANLEY-BURNHAM MEETING IS THAT MISERY LOVES COMPANY. PRESUMABLY GUYANA IS NOT AS BAD OFF ECONOMICALLY AS JAMAICA BUT THEN EMBASSY HAS BEEN HEARING GOG DOES NOT KNOW REALLY HOW BAD THINGS ARE
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BECAUSE OF FAULTY BOOKKEEPING, BURNHAM WAS ALSO REPORTED TO
HAVE ASKED MANLEY TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR HIM WITH PRESIDENT
PEREZ FOR ADDITIONAL AID MONEY FOR GOG. HOWEVER, I AM SURE
MANLEY HAD HIS OWN AXE TO GRIND ON THAT SUBJECT.
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